

Minutes
Brooks Free Library Board of Trustees

Wednesday December 9, 2015
Thornton Room, Brooks Free Library
739 Main Street, Harwich, MA 02645

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Warde at 7:08 P.M. Present were Mary Warde, Joan McCarty, JoAnne Brown, Kathleen Remillard, William Crowell and Library Director, Virginia Hewitt.

Approval of Minutes: Joan McCarty made a motion to accept the October 21, 2015 minutes. William Crowell seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Session: Joan McCarty made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and will reconvene in Open Session. William Crowell seconded. Roll call: William Crowell yea, Joan McCarty yea, Mary Warde yea, JoAnne Brown yea and Kathleen Remillard yea. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The regular meeting of The Trustees of the Brooks Free Library reconvened at 7:50 pm.

Reports:

Public Comment: None

Chairman: No formal report.

Library Director's Report: See written report.

- Ginny reported that there continues to be problems with the lights in the library.

Building and Grounds Committee:

- Joanne Brown reported that the Historic District Commission decided the columns cannot be replaced with non-wood materials and that they should be repaired and restored.
- It appears unlikely that the CPC will support the library's request for funding.
- JoAnne handed out the Assessment Report from McGinley Kaslow arranged in order of priority.

JoAnne Brown made a motion to submit an Article to be placed on the May 2016 Town Meeting Warrant to fund preservation, restoration and maintenance of historic portions of Brooks Free Library. Joan McCarty seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- We are still waiting on delivery of children's room table.

Liaison from Board of Selectmen: No report.

Friends of Brooks Free Library: No report.

Correspondence:

- The budget message from the Town Administrator is included in Trustee packets.

Old Business:

- William Crowell reported that Trust Funds have been transferred to Rockland Trust and the first report has been received.

New Business:

- JoAnne Brown made a motion to accept donations in the amount of \$325.00. Joan McCarty seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Ginny reviewed the budget request. Joan McCarty made a motion to approve the Draft Budget as presented. JoAnne Brown seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjournment: Joan McCarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. JoAnne Brown seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Remillard, Secretary
Trustee Brooks Free Library